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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the objective of assuring the provision of adequate health care to all citizens of the State of South Carolina is vital to the well-being of the State; and

WHEREAS, this objective encompasses the physical, social and mental well-being of all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, proper management and utilization of publicly supported health resources requires continuing assessment, a formalized working relationship should be developed to insure open-ended collaboration toward common goals among all relevant agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, achievement of high public accountability for the investment of public funds in health and related fields is of great importance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, there is hereby created the South Carolina Health Policy and Planning Council which shall seek to advance the health and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina.

The Council shall serve as the State's Health Policy and Planning Agency for the purposes of eliminating duplication, increasing efficiency, and coordinating the myriad of publicly financed planning, programming and research activities in the health area. Further, the Council shall be charged with the responsibility of developing formalized programs to improve the health and well-being of the citizens of the State.

The Council shall lend high-level support to all the efforts underway in the area of health; give assistance to the State, National, and sub-state planning agencies; work with organizations, professional groups, industrial concerns, and others in implementing health policies and programs, consistent with the plans and policies of the Council and to the extent not inconsistent with applicable Federal law.

The Council shall be composed of members to be appointed by the Governor at his discretion, the members selected for appointment shall include no less than nineteen (19) members of which 51% must be consumers. The following will constitute the providers:

Representative of Graduate Medical Education

Representative of State Board of Health

Representative of State Commission of Mental Health

Representative of State Department of Social Services

Representative of Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Member of South Carolina Medical Association

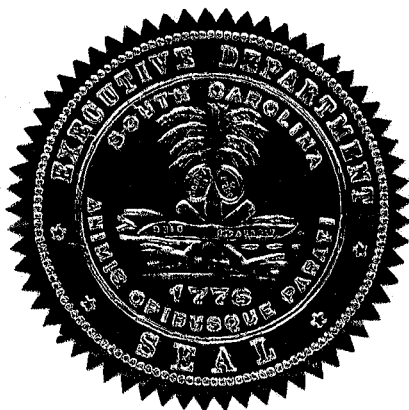
Member of South Carolina Hospital Association

Member of House of Representatives

No member shall designate an alternate to represent him in the Council's deliberations without the prior express approval of the Governor. Any alternate approved shall be empowered to act in behalf of the individual being represented.

The Council shall be headed by a Chairman who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Staff services in support of the Council efforts shall be supplied by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration.

The Council is authorized to receive and disburse Federal, State, and other funds made available for its functions.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina, at Columbia, South Carolina, this sixteenth day of January, 1973.

John C. West
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State